

VALUES FOR LIFE International Essay Contest

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BACKGROUND

The Hokule'a, "star of gladness," is a voyaging canoe that has rekindled a cultural renaissance throughout the Pacific. In January 2007, the Hokule'a set sail on a historic voyage from Hawai'i to Micronesia and Japan, utilizing traditional navigation techniques without scientific instruments. This voyage invites us to examine how universal values bind us together as "One Ocean, One People" in a peaceful, harmonious, and sustainable world.

ESSAY QUESTION

The writing prompt for the inaugural VALUES FOR LIFE International Essay Contest is:

*What values are essential for a world characterized by peace and social justice?
Provide examples that support your ideas.*

For more information on the 2007 Hokule'a voyage, please visit: Polynesian Voyaging Society <http://pvs.kcc.hawaii.edu/> and the 2007 Voyage <http://pvshawaii.squarespace.com/>.

PARTICIPANTS

The VALUES FOR LIFE International Essay Contest is open to students world-wide (ages 14-18).

PRIZES

Finalists and winners will receive certificates of commendation. Finalists will be invited to attend the Pacific Educational Conference (PEC, <http://www.prel.org/pec2007/2007.asp>) from July 9-12, 2007 in Honolulu, Hawaii. International winners will be announced and have the opportunity to present their essays in a student forum.

TIMELINE

April-May 2007: Students prepare essays.

By June 1, 2007: Schools submit essays for international judging to hokulea.outreach@gmail.com.

PARTNERSHIP

Applicants to the VALUES FOR LIFE Hawaii Regional Essay Contest will be automatically entered into the International Essay Contest. Please do not reapply.

CONTEST DETAILS

For complete details and to download the application packet for the VALUES FOR LIFE International Essay Contest, please visit <http://pvshawaii.squarespace.com/international-essay-contest/>.

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